Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have no knowledge.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that he sided one section of the people as against the other during his stay in Bellary?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That was not within his exercise to side one party or the other.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Does it not apply when he accepted to attend functions arranged in his honour during his stay in Bellary?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have no knowledge that any function had been arranged in his honour.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—If at all he has to go there for further work in this connection, will the Government advise him not to indulge in such things?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—He has not indulged in any such things. Therefore, it is unnecessary for the Government to advise or give a warning to him in that respect.

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Sir, is it a fact that the Special Officer refused to go to a party because he apprehended some trouble if he attended it?

(*Laughter.*)

Sri K. S. VASAN.—To get at the assets and liabilities, to settle the question of the administration of the Tungabhadra dam, and the further expenditure connected with it, is it not better that a Board is constituted with the representatives of Hyderabad, Madras, Mysore and Central Governments?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—More or less, that is the idea.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ನಾಗಪ್ಪಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—'ತುಂಗಭದ್ರಾ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅಂದಾಜಾಗಿರುವುದು 27.64 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿ. 16.54 ಕೋಟಿ ಖರ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ, ಇನ್ನೂ 11.10 ಕೋಟಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ನೀವು ಒದಗಿಸಿ' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—After the 1st of October the Government of Madras will not spend anything on the project.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ನಾಗಪ್ಪಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.- ಈಗ ಖರ್ಚಾಗಿರುವ ಈ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಯಾರು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.— That is to be shared by the concerned Governments.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ನಾಗಪ್ಪಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ರಿಪೈಸ್ಡ್ ಎನ್ಸಿ ಮೇಟ್ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—What is the good of putting such questions at this stage and that too when the question is not settled? Is it in our interests to raise such questions?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

(*Continued*)

Tour of Ministers in Districts.

Q.—211. Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T.-Narasipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many Ministers toured the same Districts in one and the same month from the months of April 1953 up to the end of June; (i) the names of the Hon'ble Ministers; (ii) the number of miles toured and the amount of T. A. claimed and (iii) the nature of the work done by each of them;

(*b*) the names of the Ministers who visited Ooty during the months of April and May 1953 and June 1953;

(*c*) how many days each of them stayed there and on what business;

(*d*) whether the Ministers concerned have applied for leave for their stay in Ooty, if it was not on Government duty?

A.— Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) (i) *April 1953*—

Mysore	District	...	All the Ministers.
Bangalore	,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government, Minister for Revenue and Public Works.
Mandya	,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Law and Education, Minister for Revenue and Public Works.
Tumkur	,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Revenue and Public Works.
Hassan	,,	...	Do do do

Kolar District	...	Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government, Minister for Home and Industries.
May 1953—		
Bangalore District	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government, Minister for Home and Industries.
Mandya ,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Revenue and Public Works, Minister for Home and Industries.
Mysore ,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Law and Education, Minister for Revenue and Public Works.
Tumkur ,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Revenue and Public Works.
Shimoga ,,	...	Minister for Law and Education, Minister for Revenue and Public Works, Minister for Home and Industries.
Chitaldurg ,,	...	Minister for Law and Education, Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government, Minister for Home and Industries.
June 1953—		
Mysore District	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Law and Education, Minister for Revenue and Public Works.
Mandya ,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Law and Education.
Bangalore ,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Revenue and Public Works, Minister for Home and Industries.
Tumkur ,,	...	Chief Minister, Minister for Law and Education, Minister for Revenue and Public Works.
Chitaldrug ,,	...	Minister for Law and Education, Minister for Home and Industries.

(ii)—

Month	Chief Minister	Minister for Law and Edn.	Minister for P. H. and L. S. G.	Minister for Rev. and P. W.	Minister for Home and Industries
April 1953—					
No. of Miles ...	556	357	804	582	1,036
T.A. Rupees ...	237 5 0	332 8 0	326 5 0	276 0 0	568 11 0
May 1953—					
No. of Miles ...	508	863	492	995	420
T.A. Rupees ...	231 0 0	452 1 0	200 0 0	Not yet preferred.	344 5 0
June 1953—					
No. of Miles ...	959	Not yet preferred.	...	Do	290
T.A. Rupees ...	Not yet preferred.	Do	...	...	145 5 0

(iii) Government Business.

(*b*) The Chief Minister; the Minister for Law and Education and the Minister for Revenue and Public Works.

(*c*) The Chief Minister stayed for 10 days; the Minister for Revenue and Public Works for 6 days and the Minister for Law and Education for a few hours. The stay of the Ministers was on official business.

(*d*) A Minister is always on duty and there is no provision for grant of leave to Ministers.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Will the Government be pleased to state how many days have the Ministers toured in each district ?

*Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—All the information is furnished here in the answers.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—My question is about the number of days they have toured. But the answer given is about the number of miles and T. A. claims. What I want to know is, how many days in a month did the Ministers tour in each district ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—If the Hon'ble Member is particular about that information, I will give him all the tour notes of the Ministers.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, last time, I made a representation that the tour notes of all the Ministers should be supplied to us. I will be very glad if they are supplied to us.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Not the tour notes, but the tour programmes.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—What is the use of tour programmes ?

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the District Officers would accompany the Ministers during their tours in their districts ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—When the Ministers are touring, the District Officers will be with them on Government work.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Is it not a fact that invariably the district officers tour with the Ministers ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—In view of the fact that all the Ministers tour each district, especially Mysore District, does not the Government feel that the work of the district will be dislocated seriously by such constant tours ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No, Sir. My Hon'ble friend will agree with me that we go on Government work and Deputy Commissioners also accompany us on Government work. It may be to inspect a tank here, a school there and so on. Therefore, all the time, both the Deputy Commissioners and the Ministers, to the extent they possibly can, will be doing Government work.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Is it not a fact that the normal work in the district will be dislocated by the continued absence of the district officers in the headquarters while touring with Ministers ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No, Sir. These officers are on Government work when they accompany the Ministers on tour. That is the system of Government we have bargained for.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Is it not a fact that the District Officers, a day prior and a day after the Ministers' tour, will be busy with the arrangements connected with the Ministers' tour ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—They are things incidental. Any other question ?

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—It is seen that in Bangalore, one of the Ministers would at least be present when the others are away on tour. Can he sign and pass orders on matters pertaining to the portfolio of other Ministers ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No, Sir. Ministers some times carry files with them on tour and orders can be signed anywhere. It is not necessary that orders should be passed in the Secretariat alone.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Two-thirds of the month is taken away by the Ministers' tours ; are not the people inconvenienced when they do not find them at Bangalore ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It is not a question of complaint. Everybody knows, including the Hon'ble Member, that we have not been complying even with one per cent of the requests that are made to us for the purposes of touring in all the constituencies. In fact, we have become a little unpopular for not complying with the requests of the people for touring in their respective areas.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—From the statement furnished by Government, has it not been noticed by Government that none of the Ministers have toured Kolar District in the months of May and June ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It may be so in that particular month. But we have toured Kolar District. Probably we have toured Kolar District many times more than the other districts.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—My question is, from the statement furnished, has it not come to the notice of the Government that Kolar being an affected area, it has not been toured in the months of May and June ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is an answer provided.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Has it not been noticed is my question ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—An answer is given, Sir.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—What was the nature of official business at Ooty ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Usually the Ministers go to Ooty. This is not the first time that that is being done. That is in the nature of tradition from a long time.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Is Ooty a part of Mysore State ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Let us hope it will become, Sir.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Were the Hon'ble Ministers the guests of the State Government to which Ooty belonged ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes, Sir. The Governor wrote a letter to me to be his guest ; but we have our own building there and I stayed in the building allotted for the Head of the Administration.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Did the Hon'ble the Chief Minister entertain any State Guests with him at Ooty ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That question does not arise.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—What was the nature of the official business at Ooty ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Wherever we go, we do official work. If you come and see, you will see it for yourself.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Is it not in the interest of Mysore that the Chief Minister should keep the best of health ? (*Laughter*).

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Did the Minister promise at the last Session that he would supply tour notes to the Members ? Was not a promise made to supply details of the various tours ? During April Session, did the Government not give an assurance that they would place on the table the tour notes of the Ministers for one year ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I will look into that question.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Have they prepared any tour notes regarding these tours ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—What we do is, we give instructions and the concerned Department will note them. Again it will come to us as to what progress has been made in that direction. That is not being done today only. It was being done all the time by the Mysore Government.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not the practice that instructions are printed and supplied to all the officers ? If those printed copies are available, will they be placed on the table of the House ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—This is a matter of procedure. I do not want to say anything on the subject now.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Have no tour notes been prepared for the Government work done by the Chief Minister at Ooty during this period ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That question does not arise.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—What was the particular work that was done during these six days by the other Minister that visited Ooty ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—He being the Revenue and Public Works Minister, might have inspected Government buildings.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is any Minister entitled to visit Ooty according to M.S.R. ?

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Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Ministers are not governed by rules.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are not Ministers Public servants ? Is there not a rule under the M.S.R. governing Ministers ?

(No answer.)

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is there no relevant rule which governs the conduct of Ministers under the M.S.R. ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Conduct is quite different from rules.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Even with regard to rules, is there any provision in the M.S.R. empowering the Ministers to visit Ooty except on Government business and what is the Government business that was carried on by these Ministers there?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The question was already answered.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—There was absolutely no business for the Ministers.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It is not a court.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—None of the Ministers had absolutely any business at Ooty except spending a holiday.

Mr. SPEAKER.—How do you know?

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I know it. Let them say what Government business was there for them to do.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I would like to make it clear. This is too personal a question and I did not expect this kind of questioning by the Leader of the Opposition. I might say it is not a question of evasion. We take files and do Government work wherever we go, even at Ooty. It is not as if we were spending all the time for ourselves. Besides, as I have already said, this is not for the first time that a Minister or a Head of the Government went to Ooty. It has become a practice.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not a fact that only the Head of the Administration with the permission of the then Ruler, the Maharaja, used to visit Ooty and no other Minister had any right to go there except on holiday after taking leave?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The constitutional position has changed and the Ministers today are not subordinates of the Dewan. They have equal rights as other Ministers and they are entitled to equal facilities.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Can the Chief Minister show me relevant clause or provision in the Constitution which empowers Ministers to go outside the State?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I was myself one of the members of the Constituent Assembly and we did not think it worthwhile to include T.A. and D.A. and tour rules in the Constitution.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I want to know what are the relevant rules or Sections which empower the Ministers to go outside the State either to Ooty or to London or to Europe, which say that they will be on duty if they are outside the State?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It is a matter for discretion and whenever a Minister feels that he should go to Ooty or even to London he will go, Sir.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—With reference to question (*a*) (iii) you have not stated the nature of Government business. With reference to question (*b*) you have stated that the Minister is always on duty and there is no provision for grant of leave to Ministers.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—When the Hon'ble Member was a Minister if he was not all the time on duty, it is not my fault.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I was never on duty both day and night. (*Laughter*). It is said that the Ministers is always on duty and there is no provision for grant of leave to Ministers. Even if the Minister is absent for months together, is it to be presumed that he is on duty?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It all depends upon the circumstances of the case.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—There is no provision for grant of leave to Ministers. That is what is stated here. Is it not a fact that the conduct and service of the Minister is governed by M.S.R. like any other public servant? May I draw the attention of the Chief Minister to annexure 3 of the M.S.R.?

(No answer.)

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM. I will elicit more information under Rule 39.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Provided it is allowed.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Everything is subject to the discretion of the Speaker.

Policy adopted in auctioning excise shops.

Q.—73. Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Mulbagal-Srinivasapur.)—